Creche facilities for women workers

703. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women workers in the urban and rural unorganized sector for whom creche facilities are available;

(b) whether there has been any demand for converting the anganwadi centres into day-care centres cum creches; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The number of women workers in the urban and rural unorganized sectors is about 5.88 lakh, for whom creche facilities are available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Progress of Balika Samridhi Yojana

†704. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of progress made in Balika Samridhi Yojana, 1997;

(b) whether it is functioning satisfactory;

(c) the State-wise amount released to States under Balika Samridhi Yojana during the years 2005 and 2006; and

(d) the amount sanctioned to Madhya Pradesh under Balika Samridhi Yojana during 2005 and 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Scheme of Balika Samridhi Yojana is slated for transfer to the State Sector and is under the consideration of National Development Council. Hence no outlays were provided for the Scheme in the years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Declaration of 2008 as Year of Girl Child

705. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare the coming year 2008 as the Year of Girl Child;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assessment on Balika Samridhi Yojana

706. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on implementation of Balika Samridhi Yojana (BSY) project;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount spent in this regard in the last financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Several constraints were reported by the States regarding implementation of Balika Samridhi Yojana:-

- amount received was meagre and the waiting period before maturity was too long—Rs. 6700 total amount was received after waiting for 18 years;